

REMARKS

Prosecution in the instant application was closed by a Notice of Allowance mailed on April 2, 2004; claims 1-35 have been allowed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed herewith so that new claims 36-38 can be considered by the Examiner. Support for this Amendment can be found on page 31, lines 18-24 of the specification.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during a series of telephonic discussions regarding the Terminal Disclaimer filed June 14, 2004, and the Examiner's efforts to have the terminal disclaimer entered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any fee required for consideration of this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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